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SUBJ: PARATROOP MUTINY: SITREP NO. TWENTY TWO

1. COMMANDOS ATTACK MILITARY POLICE:

AARMA AND EMBOFF ON SCENE AT PRESIDENTIAL PALACE REPORTED THAT AT 10:00 A.M. SPORADIC FIRING CONTINUES IN THE AREA AND TWO G-91 GROUND ATTACK AIRCRAFT MADE A LOW PASS DIRECTED AT MILITARY POLICE HEADQUARTERS NEXT DOOR TO THE PALACE. THE STREET RUNNING BETWEEN THE PALACE AND THE MILITARY POLICE HEADQUARTERS IS BLOCKED BY APPROXIMATELY 100 NATIONAL GUARD AND 60 POLICE. COMMANDOS ARE IN PROCESS OF TAKING OVER MILITARY POLICE, BUT SOME MPS ARE RESISTING, WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR INTERMITTENT FIRING.

2. THERE ARE ABOUT 100 BYSTANDERS IN THE AREA, MOST OF WHOM APPEAR TO BE TRYING TO GET TO WORK. WE UNDERSTAND ARMED CIVILIANS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN SUPPORT OF THE FAR LEFT MPS. GOVERNMENT SAYS SITUATION UNDER CONTROL, BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT COMMANDOS HAVE CLEANED OUT ALL RESISTERS.

3. RADIO CLUBE PORTUGUES IS OFF THE AIR, NATIONAL TELEVISION (RPT) IS SCHEDULED TO COME BACK ON AT 11:00 AM, AND NATIONAL

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RADIO (EN) IS STILL BROADCASTING PRO-GOVERNMENT NEWS.

4. IN MONSANTO PARK, PARATROOPERS, PRESUMABLY LOYAL, ARE GUARDING THE ACCESS TO THE AIR FORCE INSTALLATIONS. THE PARATROOPERS ARE STOPPING AND SPOT CHECKING CARS, BUT ARE IN A CASUAL ATTITUDE EATING APPLES AND ROASTING CHESTNUTS.

5. THE ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF SAID THAT MONTIJO AIR FORCE BASE ACROSS THE RIVER FROM LISBON REMAINS IN THE HANDS OF THE REBELS AND ALL OTHER BASES ARE BACK UNDER LOYAL CONTROL. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY WHETHER TANCOS IS INDEED BACK UNDER CONTROL. CARLUCCI

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